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PHSSR Research Agenda

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Public Health Services & Systems Research

A field of study that examines the organization, financing, and delivery of public health services at local, state and national levels, and the impact of these activities on public health.

Developmental Path for PHSSR

- Measuring practice & performance
- Detecting variation in practice
- Examining determinants of variation
  - Organization
  - Law & policy
  - Financing
  - Information
  - Workforce
  - Preference
- Determining consequences of variation
  - Health outcomes
  - Medical care use
  - Economic outcomes
  - Disparities
- Testing strategies to reduce harmful, unnecessary, & inequitable variation in practice & outcomes

Descriptive

Inferential

Translational
Public Health Foundation Summary of PHSSR Research Needs

- Organization and structure
- Finance
- Workforce
- Technology, data and methods
  - CDC-PHSR and Workforce Agendas
  - Council on Linkages-Workforce and Research Gaps
  - NACCHO, Accrediation, Credentialing and Certification
  - Univ. of Pittsburgh-Rural PHSR

Available at www.phf.org/link/research.htm
Why PHSSR Needs a New Agenda

- We have some research agendas, but many are out-of-date and need upgrading
- ACA has a lot of opportunity for PHSSR, we must carpe diem
- How do we get interest from Feds other than CDC, like NIH’s CTSA and AHRQ work with Comparative Effectiveness & HIT
- We need to use new & more robust methodology for our efforts
PHSSR Systematic Review

PHSSR field experts conducted a comprehensive systematic review targeting the following areas:

1. Public Health Workforce
2. Organization/Structure
3. Technology/Data Methods
4. Quality Improvement
Drafting the PHSSR Research Agenda

- A new research agenda draft was completed through a series of webinars between RJWF, CDC, and NCC PHSSR
- The Webinars targeted the four areas covered by the targeted systematic reviews
- The discussions were facilitated to develop and discuss key areas of research and research questions that have utility to the practice community.
PHSSR Research Agenda Development

To gain feedback from the research and practice community – the PHSSR Research Agenda is being vetting at different venues:

- Keeneland Conference (April 2011)
- AcademyHealth PHSR IG (current – June 2011)
- NACCHO Annual Meeting (July 2011)
- Online Virtual 30-day vetting process (TBD)
PHSSR Research Agenda Dissemination

- Pending publication
- Widespread dissemination
- Document process
  - Help assure practice community the process, and results were/are robust
- Historical value to future researchers
That’s All Folks
Questions?
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